Want to lower your phone bill? Discounts are available!

Apply for both state and federal telephone discounts on one application:

LIFELINE: A federal program that provides a discount on your monthly bill or 250 free minutes on a participating pre-paid cellular phone.

TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE PLAN (TAP): A state program that provides a discount on your monthly landline telephone bill.

To qualify for discounts, telephone service must be in your name **AND** you must participate in one or more qualifying assistance programs **OR** have income at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines.

- 1. Qualifying assistance programs include: Medicaid/Medical Assistance, SSI, Energy Assistance, MFIP, Food Support and many others
- 2. Qualifying income at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines: family of 2 = \$21,505; family of 4 = \$32,737

For an application or more information:

- Contact your local or cellular phone company
- Visit <u>www.mn.gov/puc</u> or <u>www.lifeline.gov</u>
- Call the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission at 651-296-0406 or 1-800-657-3782
- E-mail consumer.puc@state.mn.us